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Dear friends all over the world…..

Whouaou...........! I did not realise how time really flies and my presidency is already past the halfway mark! It seems like yesterday that I wished you Happy New Year for 2013 and I find myself sharing (late) wishes for a Healthy Happy 2014 for you and your families across the globe.

You may wonder what happened to our summer issue. Well, I would like to suggest that the summer issue 2013 became our “New iADH website” as this is full of news and information and all of the archive of past issues of the magazine beautifully laid out for you to browse.

I think we will all agree that a tremendous job has been done by the website committee that was instituted by the executive and I would like to personally thank Alison Dougall, Timucin Ari and Martin Arts. This website is the new face of iADH but it will not mean anything without your visits and feedback, suggestions and comments. We want this to be the virtual meeting point for all of us along with all the social media incorporated in it. Please send the link and prompt friends that do not know much about special care to visit as well.

The new face of iADH in 2014 marks what we hope will be a successful period of growth for iADH. Please let me give you a small brief of what happened this past year since we last communicated:

As you will read from our Editor, 2013 was really a busy year for iADH. In April of 2013 I attended the SCDA meeting in New Orleans. (see page 16). The highlight of this successful meeting was the finalising of the contract between iADH and SCDA for the next meeting in 2016 Chicago. With the increasing difficulty we face in finding partners for our international congresses until iADH is in a stronger position financially I believe this was a very timely decision giving us breathing room for the future as many more countries join as members.

I am really happy that some of the targets that I set for my presidency are slowly starting materialise: in August during our Executive Board Meeting in Birmingham at the Association for Dental Education in Europe (ADEE) we created the framework for our new education project in exploring attitudes for the younger generation of dentists and what potential changes can be implemented in the future in order for more people to find satisfaction in our speciality in caring for patients with special needs. (see page 7)

In October I was invited by the Italian Society (SIOH) to Bologna to open their national congress on special care dentistry (see page 18). More than 400 interested colleagues from all over Italy were present and I met a very enthusiastic group of board members. There was an excellent scientific program, an excellent social program and perfect Italian food and wine. SIOH is one of the vibrant components of iADH having held an international iADH Congress in Venice some 20 years back. I think it is surely time for iADH to consider coming back to Italy for an International Congress.

During the meeting a really great book in Special Care Dentistry was introduced by Editor Eugenio Reimondo, a truly dedicated doctor in Special Care Dentistry. It is one of the most comprehensive books for special care dentistry I have seen and I hope it will be translated into many more languages soon. (see page 22)

January 2014 I was invited by the organising committee of our Berlin congress in October to take part in their meeting and I was acknowledged by the German Dental Association during their party celebration for the New Year at the Reichstag where I was kindly invited. I had the opportunity to tour the meeting venue. The work that the president Andreas Schulte has done along with his committee guarantees a phenomenal meeting both from a scientific and social aspect. The full weight of the German Dental Association and its president Dr. Peter Engel behind it is another guarantee for its success. (see page 9)

Finally just this past weekend the Hellenic society of DOH organised a really interesting seminar on CBT which was well received by all participants and made such an impact that even people that did not attend are talking about it. (see page 21)

I thank all of you for the promoting of our Congress 2014 in your own countries. For those wishing to present their work please be aware that the abstract deadline is almost upon us. I hope as many of you as possible will be attending a great conference and take time to enjoying this extraordinary city.

I am always delighted to hear all the news from the iADH family and friends, so please keep in touch and do not hesitate to contact me.

My warm regards

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Dear iADH Members,

Please enjoy the first iADH Magazine of 2014 with news and chat from iADH members all over the world. We are a little later than planned because for the last few months we have been busily creating a new website for the benefit of iADH members and we hope that you will enjoy exploring the new layout which is both beautiful and user-friendly.

The observant of you will have also noticed that iADH has a new look: an evolution of our original iADH tree logo has blossomed into new multi-coloured design which was selected by iADH Council Members and the iADH Executive to reflect the multi-cultural branches of the organisation, and represent growth and diversity within the society. We hope that this bold move has created a modern fresh image for the iADH as we move towards a bigger online presence in the years ahead in order to help disseminate information and encourage fruitful and effective networking and shared resources. (see more on page 8)

My very first iADH congress was in Madrid over 12 years ago before e-communication was so well established but since that time I have used endless types of media to keep in touch with many iADH friends and colleagues. Of course, we can keep in touch with other via e-mail and Facebook and Twitter and Whatsapp if we can’t meet in person but but the simple truth is that all the technology in the world cannot convey the information and the emotion of a face-to face meeting. For this reason I was very happy to have chance to catch up with the new President of the Spanish Disability and Oral Health Society: Dr Jacobo Limeres Posse in Dublin during a planned university exchange and we could remember those days in Madrid. Members of the SCD team from Santiago De Compostela have collaborated on iADH education projects online over the last couple of years, but we both agreed that face-to-face discourse remained the best way to create and explore ideas, experiences and knowledge rather than asynchronous forms of communication where one can choose or need to respond at a later time and can interrupt the flow of creativity. You can read news from Spain on page 17)

We have lots of news for you to read from other member organisations around the world allowing us to keep up to date about what’s happening in iADH member countries until we all meet in Berlin face-to-face. Here in Ireland we are very excited to be taking advantage of a European location for the iADH congress this year which permits a large group of us to travel, even in times of recession and economic hardship, we will value this opportunity to present our work and get feedback from our international colleagues and of course enjoy the social activities.

I was lucky enough to travel to Central America to meet enthusiastic iADH colleagues in Mexico at their excellent scientific congress in Cancun (see page 20) and last year I also played local host to a large group of iADH educators from all over the world who visited the ADEE conference in Birmingham, near my home town of Coventry, England. In addition to a very fruitful meeting from a research and education perspective, the IADH group certainly enjoyed their trips to the local favourite Balti Curry Houses and truly celebrated the diversity of the cultural melting pot that is Birmingham UK.

There is lots of news about all of these activities and many more in this issue and I would encourage all of your to send us news in advance of events in your area in the coming months so that we can add them to the website and encourage more opportunities for face-to-face collaboration and sharing of good practice and ideas amongst our members. I would like to thank all of those people who contributed to this first iADH Magazine of the year. Please keep on sending/posting photos, news and any information that you want to share with us via our website, our magazine or our social media. Please send it to magazine@iadh.org or upload your work directly via the website.

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Re-framing Attitudes

One of the most important attributes we can surely aim to encourage in our peers, students and colleagues is a positive attitude towards disability and diversity. Indeed, this is at the very heart of all of the mission statement and iADH curricula of iADH.

The medical profession are often criticised for over-medicalising people with disability and certainly one area is where we often unwittingly stigmatise is by the taking of clinical photographs to catalogue characteristic or atypical appearance for ‘teaching or ‘record keeping purposes’. Two wonderful projects both of which aimed to re-frame disability and beauty through photography are described briefly here with links for people to find out more should they wish to use these resources to discuss or explore attitudes towards disability.

Reframing Disability

In 2009 the Royal College of Physicians in UK awarded a grant to an disability and arts group and 27 disabled participants came together to discuss some portraits of disabled people in canvases and sketches from the 17th-19th century and the same group were also offered the opportunity to have their own portraits taken. Together with transcripts of focus groups and video conversations, both sets of portraits along with details of their lives formed a exhibition called Reframing Disability which has since toured the UK and Ireland with plans to go further afield in 2014.

A You-tube video all about the project discusses several themes related to the exhibition and is available online https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PALIkx1PFes

In this clip the participants discuss and debate the tokenistic portrayal of disabled people in the media in contemporary society and especially the continued choice of non-disabled actors playing disabled people in major big budget films and tv.

They discuss the current trend towards sensationalist reality programmes such as ‘disgusting bodies’ and ‘body shock’ and compare this with the ‘freak-show’ era of the past with co-joined individuals and people with other visible disabilities historically choosing to travel with circuses in order to to make a living or promote themselves. Perhaps not so different with people in contemporary society choosing or being tricked to appear for money or fame in contemporary reality shock-tv as the public are encouraged to ridicule diversity.

One of the participants specifically chooses to have her portrait taken ‘photographing the photographer’: as she wanted the turn the tables and show herself doing something illuminating rather than always being ‘looked at’.

She talks frankly of the negative experiences of undergoing repeated ‘medical photography’ as a child.

An interesting theme in this project was the acknowledged hierarchy of disability as to what media considered the ‘acceptable’ face of disability in society, wrapped up in the current obsession about physical perfection and this theme continues in the second project called ‘reframing beauty’

Reframing Beauty

A noted fashion photographer had spent years in Milan, Paris, and New York capturing perfection and beauty on film. But 15 years ago, while photographing a woman with Albinism, Guidotti was shocked by images in medical textbooks he found during his research prior to the shoot. Those medical pictures changed his life and ever since Guidotti has devoted his talent to photographing individuals with genetic conditions to celebrate their differences. When interviewed, photographer Rick Guidotti said: “It’s not about saying, “Compare Claudia Schiffer or Cindy Crawford to this girl. it’s about reinterpreting beauty. It’s about having an opportunity to see beyond what you’re told and what we’re forced to believe that that’s beauty.” You can see some of his wonderful images illustrating this article and see the whole set online where he challenges people to re-define what they believe is beautiful. You can find more online by putting ‘reframing beauty’ and the photographers name in a search engine.
IADH Education Committee Report

Since our last report the iADH education committee has been working on your behalf to collect and collate feedback on teaching at the undergraduate level and develop guidance for core elements of a programme in SCD at the post-graduate level which will be launched in Berlin during the education symposium.

Following the very successful inauguration of an SCD education group in Lyon in August 2012 a larger group met in Birmingham in September 2013 to further develop themes as part of the Association of Dental Education in Europe (ADEE). The theme of this year’s conference was online and e-learning and the first session opened with a very interesting talk from Joakim Jardenberg, CEO of Mindpark, Sweden. He talked about human trends and attitudes and the four cornerstones of our digitised worlds and the expectations and learning styles of our students who nowadays expect instant access to information with a likely shortened attention span.

The concept of the MOOC was introduced (Mass open online courses) with more and more prestigious universities seemingly offering short interactive online courses for free rather than for commercial gain. The multi-factorial motivation for such altruistic action included universities and schools looking to establish themselves as acknowledged academic leaders in a particular field coupled with the need to prevent competing institutions from achieving this accolade exclusively should they opt out of this current form of knowledge transfer.

The turning point of this academic paradigm shift is the concept of professional ownership of the content of shared material and online courses under a strict creative commons licence and of course this is at the heart of the mission of the iADH who have already made their own curricula open access under the creative commons, attribution not for profit licence. You can find out more about protecting your work online here.  
https://creativecommons.org/

In the breakout special interest groups a very motivated and interested group of educators from 19 countries contributed their views and ideas for future activities in SCD education. The question where do we go from here was posed?

There were many requests for jointly developed teaching resources by the group along with guidance needed on how to best assess the new iADH learning outcomes and integrate them across the whole curriculum. Feedback was encouraged about how people were overcoming and solving the barriers and speed bumps that they face in implementation of teaching in SCD in their own institutions and it is envisaged that the sharing of this information and peer support during such meetings will be crucial to the outcome of local implementation of planned teaching in SCD.
Dr Shelagh Thompson delivered a timely talk stressing the opportunity to promote and include the teaching of SCD within the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and lifelong learning personal plans. With Continuing Dental Education (CDE) soon to be made obligatory in many countries in Europe she suggested that the undergraduate curriculum document would make a very good framework for establishing training for all members of the oral healthcare teams already in the workforce who had not receive any training in SCD at the undergraduate level.

Dr Denise Faulks also provided a very interesting talk about the importance and need to evaluate and measure attitudes towards diversity and disability within the student population, but also importantly amongst our colleagues and members of the wider dental teaching faculty who do not necessarily understand or support the need to develop teaching in this area and resist implementation of the best laid plans.

An iADH education-research network has now been established and its first collaborative project is to develop and validate a tool to measure desirable attitudes and behaviours towards disability and diversity relevant to SCD as an outcome measure. Initial development of this assessment tool is being carried out in English in multiple centres including Canada, Malaysia, Ireland and UK and we look forward to being updated on this important piece of work in Berlin during the dedicated Education Symposium.

Publications:
iADH-Curricula can be downloaded from the website and are shared freely under a creative commons licence which permits each school to adapt and use them as best suits their local needs, practices and customs. Currently validated versions are available in English, French and Turkish. A validated spanish version is currently being back translated by an iADH group from Latin America and Spain to ensure compatibility and transferability in each language and culture.
Please visit the new website!

We hope that you love it as much as we do. Central to the design are some beautiful images which reflect the mission statement and aims of IADH and we believe that the colours of the new logo really work well on screen to add a fresh modern feel to the site.

We have worked with the web designers to ensure that the site can be easily viewed and navigated on smart phones and tablets as well as desktop computers as this will suit our lifestyles on the move nowadays. We have included new features such as a news feed, plus fully searchable resources for download and with new pages dedicated to education and training. If you are not keen on using social media there is now a facility to sign up for a newsletter in order to receive news direct to your e-mail inbox and we promise to keep you up-to-date with late breaking news, especially as we move towards the Congress in Berlin in this way.

With all this new content on the site we have put some big navigation buttons on the home page which lead you easily and quickly to the most popular places on the site without having to scroll down menus. In this way you can easily find your way to magazine, journal, membership, resources, congress, and education pages. We are sure that this will be a welcome move for those of us who strain to see small print on our phones.

Furthermore, for the first time iADH Council members will have their own log-in and this will enable them to access past minutes of council meetings General Meetings and other such documents and we hope that this will become the hub of the iADH council business as well as becoming our archive over time.

I would like to thank Dr Timucin Ari and Dr Martin Arts and IDEA Marketing in Dublin for their collaboration and work on the website and also thank the large number of council members who contributed to the development and choice of the new LOGO. Please visit the new site leave some feedback on how we did - especially how we might make further improvements or additions to the site. Some pages are still in development and there are plans to create content in both Spanish and French to enhance communication with our friends who are not so comfortable in English and this should be in place within the near future.

You can visit the site on www.iadh.org you can also find us on Facebook and Twitter
The German association of the IADH is honored to invite all members of the IADH and other dentists working with patients with disabilities to the upcoming world congress in Berlin. The heads of the organizing committee (Prof. Dr. Andreas Schulte, Dr. Imke Kaschke, and Dr. Volker Holthaus) have arranged a congress with distinguished scientific topics and framework programs.

The Estrel Convention Centre is located in Berlin with excellent connections to all parts of the city and important junctions. The pre-congress programme – workshops and official meetings (Board and Council) – will take place on 30 September and 1 October and will include the following seminars:

- Treatment Concepts for patients with disabilities
- MAKATON – make communication possible
- Conscious sedation
- Patients with special needs – for dental nurses
- Interdisciplinary consultancy according to the Bobath-system

More pre-congress topics are planned; and applications can still be handed in for people proposing pre-congress seminars. On 2 October, 2014 the main congress will begin with an opening ceremony and then the following topics will be presented by top level speakers from all over the world:

- Ethical aspects
- Dental prevention
- Form and function - orthodontic themes
- Legal aspects of treatment under general anaesthesia
- Treatments of medically compromised patients
- Pain in patients with intellectual disabilities
- Autism
- Cerebral palsy
- Epidermolysis bullosa, scleroderma, ectodermal dysplasia
- Special smiles and Special Olympics
- Education in SCD

After the first day of lectures and presentations, the ‘get together party’ hosted by the German Dental Association will take place at a historical site of Berlin and will be the perfect opportunity to meet up with old friends and make new ones. A special feature will be the parallel congress of the German Oral Surgeons (Berufsverband Deutscher Oralchirurgen) on 3 and 4 October. Interested participants of the IADH are welcome to join these presentations and to visit the common dental industry exhibition. Two common sessions will include - Treatment under general anaesthesia – surgical, endodontic, conservative care and the medically compromised patient - which are scheduled for Saturday morning. The congress will end with the closing ceremony on 4 October at 3 pm.

More details are available on the website www.iadh.2014.com

Dr. Volker Holthaus,
by Archana Pradhan

The first Special Olympics (SO) Nepal event in Biratnagar (my family home town), South-East Nepal was finally a reality, following several emails and skype calls from me to Simon Koh (Director Operations, SO-Asia Pacific) and my sister Samjhana Pradhan (Chairperson, Local Event Organizing Committee, Biratnagar). Of the total approached (100 people with intellectual disability and those with hearing and vision impairment from special schools in Biratnagar and neighbouring districts), 51 males and 35 females participated at this event. The youngest was seven years old and the oldest was forty years old.

25 September, 2013
Following a brief introduction about Special Smiles dental screening to Dr Ashish Shrestha and his dental team (7 dentists, 3 assistants) from BP Koirala Institute of Health Sciences (BPKIHS), Dharan, all participants underwent a dental screening at Gograh High school that includes people with intellectual disability. Group oral health education was also provided.

Notes from Screening:
Just over a third reported pain, while 56% had one or more untreated decay and 80% had some gingival signs. Almost 50% of them had never been to the dentist. Over 50% brushed their teeth only once, after getting up in the morning, as is the norm in the Nepalese society.
The 30th annual meeting of the Japanese Society for Disability and Oral Health was held from Oct 11th to 13th in Kobe, Japan. With over 2,650 participants, including dentists from Korea, Taiwan and Thailand, the event was a great success. The theme of the meeting was “Special Needs and Oral Health – The Past and the Future!”

This 30th Annual Meeting included an International Symposium which was attended by Dr. Shun-Te Huang from Taiwan, Dr. Tae-Sung Jeong from Korea, Dr. Sunsanee Rajchagool from Thailand and Dr. Hironaka from Japan.

The theme of the symposium was “Aiming for cooperation in providing Dental Care for persons with Disabilities in Asia”. Communication was enhanced by the use of English-Japanese interpretation and also sign language for the presentations and special lectures.
Schulich Dentistry celebrated the opening of its brand new General Anesthetic Suite this month. The Honourable Deb Matthews, Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, joined Schulich Medicine & Dentistry in unveiling the state-of-the-art facility to media and key community partners of the school.

The $2 million Suite puts Schulich Dentistry at the forefront of dental education, featuring two new operating rooms and six recovery bays. The School will be able to offer dental students more hands-on clinical experience, offer more specialized support for patients with complex requirements and continue its commitment to exemplary care.

The Department of Anesthesia & Perioperative Medicine will provide operations support. The department’s chair/chief, Dr. Davy Cheng, praised this collaborative approach to patient care. “We are honoured and are committed to support this state-of-the-art dental surgery and general anesthesia suite in delivering outpatient paediatric dental care in a patient-centered and family friendly facility,” he expressed. Wait times in hospital operating rooms for dental procedures for paediatric and special needs patients can be from 14 to 18 months long, as these procedures are considered elective. This new suite will ensure prompt treatment and will provide dental students and residents with expanded hands on clinical experience working with patients with disabilities and special healthcare needs in an interdisciplinary setting.

The opening was also a celebratory moment for Maria Sinosec, the mother of a 34-year-old individual with special needs. “The first thing I noticed is the doors are wider so you can roll the wheelchair right in,” she said. “That might seem insignificant, but it’s not insignificant to parents or caregivers.”

Dr. Harinder Sandhu, vice-dean and director of Schulich Dentistry echoed this enthusiasm. “This facility will enable us to provide a wide spectrum of dental procedures for people with special needs, paediatric and geriatric patients,” he said.
Some of you will know Wales! It is a small and beautiful country of about 3 million people, in the UK, where we hope that Special Care Dentistry is growing in stature - like our fantastic rugby team!

Care for disabled people has grown through the Community (Public) and Hospital Dental Service and we are lucky enough to have a government in Wales that has always supported this service. Senior dentists have developed Special Care Dentistry through local and national networks which have provided individuals with support, education and friendship for many years.

25 years ago clinicians across Wales formed our own Special Interest Group for Special Care Dentistry to develop peer support for the improvement of services and this group was central to the provision of education and training in Wales long before the official specialty was established here in the UK. We have been proud of our study days and our job shadowing schemes for dentists and allied dental care professionals who want to learn from others working in the field. We enjoy our meetings in the centre of Wales where we gather regularly to learn about all aspects of SCD from neuro-disability to autism and from diabetes to Parkinson’s disease. Much of this work has become embedded into national policy on oral care and the friendship and camaraderie which has developed through working towards our mutual aims has been invaluable and has also left us with life long friends - it is not all about the work!!

In recent years we have moved on with the establishment of the specialty in SCD in Wales through 3 formal clinical networks and in South East Wales we have been supported to start up a formal training programme for the first trained dentists in Special Care Dentistry, and those of us who developed our enthusiasm without the benefit of such structure have had the privilege to support 2 trainees for the past 3 years in Cardiff and the surrounding area. This has culminated in our first trainee achieving a Diploma in sedation, a Diploma in Special Care Dentistry (RCS England) and she has just passed her final exit exam so we can now congratulate Grace Kelly on becoming our first trainee to complete the programme when she finishes her 3 years very soon and is entered onto the specialist list of our General Dental Council! Grace is a fellow Celt having come to Wales from Ireland! We are very proud and excited for her and particularly pleased to see young students, DCPs and dentists experiencing and learning about care for disabled people as an integrated part of their undergraduate and postgraduate training, an advantage which few of us more mature clinicians benefitted from! We hope that the next generation will continue to work to see our specialty grow further and to see vulnerable people receiving better and better care in the future - after all we may be the ones needing that care soon!!

Sue Greening, receiving a very distinguished MBE honour by the Queen at Buckingham Palace earlier this year for pioneering work developing healthcare services for disabled people in Wales.

Grace Kelly, our first trainee, with Sue Greening and other members of the Special Care Dentistry team in Wales.
The French Association for Disability and Oral Health (SOSS – Santé Orale et Soins Spécifiques) held its annual meeting on Thursday 17th October in Marseille, in collaboration with Handident, a regional organisation for the provision of dental care for patients with disability. The aim of the day was to investigate how oral health can lead to additional disability for patients with severe multiple disabilities. The day was a great success, with approx. 120 participants, who were treated to lectures of high scientific quality and who were delighted to be able to exchange their experiences of special care dentistry in France. Many thanks to Professor Corinne Tardieu and Dr Philippe Guyet for organising this rendez vous, and we look forward to next year’s conference to be held in Alsace in Oct 2014.

See: www.handidentpaca.fr

and

www.sante-orale-et-autonomie.fr

The Centre for Clinical Research in Dentistry (CROC – Centre de Recherché en Odontologie Clinique) of the University of Auvergne in Clermont Ferrand was delighted to host a seminar with their colleagues Lotta Sjögreen, Åsa Mogren and Marianne Bergius from the Mun-H-Center, Göteborg, Sweden along with Catherine Morel from the University of Geneva, Switzerland. Three days exchange were organised from the 9th to the 11th Oct around oral function and oro-motor therapy with clinical collaboration for a number of patients and research presentations. All those involved are convinced that this seminar will lead to greater research collaboration in the future and a return meeting has already been proposed for 2014.

See: www.mun-h-center.se

and www.smd.unige.ch/index.html
X Annual Meeting of Argentinean Association for Disability and Oral Health
XVII Associated Members Meeting
by Gabriela Scagnet

The annual meeting was held in the Dental School of the University of Buenos Aires on May 3 and 4 and was organized by the Buenos Aires AAODI members: Dr Teresita Ferrary – President 10th Annual Meeting of AAODI. Organizing Committee: Dr. Mariana Armada, Gabriela Scagnet, Nilda Nobile, Maite Echaide, Mayra Alvarez, Maria Cristina Calvano, Laura Krieguer and Gabriela Quintana. The Dean of the Dental School of the Buenos Aires University Prof Beatriz Guglielmotti enabled collaboration and support throughout the entire event.

Invited speakers gathered to deliver lectures during the two-day period of the congress, with delegates attending from all parts of the country. Most of the main topics were centred on: “Updating the use of dental materials for patients with disabilities”, “Rehabilitation of oral functions step by step”, “What's New in saliva research”, “Report of the IADH work in SCD undergraduate Education”, “Art and dental care in persons with disabilities”, “Proposal and discussion of the AAODI dental procedures manual to facilitate the care of patients with disabilities in private practice”, “Laughing therapy”

Professionals from different disciplines participated in the congress with oral presentations and the exchange of information between different groups from Argentina was helpful and enhanced the social activities in a beautiful city such as Buenos Aires.

Next Argentinian Congress 2014, May 1-3 Mar del Plata City - Argentina
One Purpose: Access for All was the theme for the 2013 SCDA Annual Meeting and was woven through the educational offerings and networking opportunities that took place during the conference.

The meeting welcomed over 250 attendees and 19 exhibiters to the vibrant and historic city of New Orleans, Louisiana this past April. The opening keynote, Kenneth Salyer, MD kicked off the meeting by sharing his inspirational story of helping others in the field of special care dentistry and offering tips on finding personal satisfaction in your own life. The conference continued by offering a wide array of sessions including the Steve Gordon Memorial Lecture: Pharmacologic Management of the Geriatric Patient presented by Ann Spolarich, RDH, PhD and the Max Bramer Presentation: The Pursuit of the Perfect Child: implications for Cultures and Special Care Policy presented by Rick Rader, MD. The meeting also offered for the first time a new attendee mentor program which was met with great success with attendance reaching over 40 attendees.

In addition to the abundance of educational sessions, attendees were able to relax and network with old friends and colleagues during several receptions during the meeting. During these receptions, SCDA announced several award winners which included:

Harold Berk Award: David Itzkoff, FADPD, DABSCD
Ronald L. Ettinger Award: Ronald L. Ettinger, BDS, MDS, DDSC
Saul Kamen Award: Ronald L. Ettinger, BDS, MDS, DDSC

Poster Awards
First Place, Student Award: Protocols for Treating Patients with End-Stage Renal Disease: A Survey of AEGD/GPR Dental Residencies by Scott Howell and Nipa Patel
First Place, Jane Chalmers Faculty Award: Fuji IX and MI Paste as an Effective Treatment Combination for Low Income Clients with Special Needs by Eduardo Ubieta, Isel Lemus, Alma ValdeRuten, Ossama Azzam and Nicolas Hernandez
Second Place, Student Award: Director-reported Special Needs Exposure in 12-month US-based General Practice Programs by Jennifer Logigan.
Second Place, Faculty Award: The Application of Atraumatic Restorative Technique (ART) in Special Needs Patients: A Case Report on Dental Management of a Patient with Moebius Syndrome by Archana Pradhan
Third Place, Student Award: Dental Care to Patients in Advanced Stages of Alzheimer’s Disease Under Intravenous Sedation with Midazolam by Almir Oliva Filho, Gustavo Salamonde Costa, Ana Maria Antonelli da Veiga, Ingrid Petra, and Frederico Valadares.
Third Place, Faculty Award: Full Mouth Implant Reconstruction for a Special needs Patient: A Case Report by William Stewart

SCDA was also excited to announce the official dates of the 23rd International Congress for Disability and Oral Health which will be held in conjunction with SCDA in Chicago, Illinois. The meeting will take place April 14-17, 2016. SCDA could not be more excited to work with IADH on this joint meeting.

MSCDA will also be hosting its 2014 Annual Meeting in Chicago, Illinois, April 10-13. For more information visit the SCDA website.
In the last biannual Congress of our Society, held in Palma de Mallorca last March, I was appointed as the new President of the Spanish Society for Disability and Oral Health, SEOEME (Sociedad Española de Odontoestomatología para el Minusválido y Pacientes Especiales).

The SEOEME became part of the IADH in 2000 although in the last few years, we have not taken part actively in the activities organised by the society. The SEOEME started in 1986 on Dr. Manuel Bratos Morillo’s own initiative. His goals were not different from other national associations belonging to the IADH, that is, to promote the development of dentistry for the medically compromised patients as well as hospital dentistry; to share knowledge between the professionals involved in Special Care Dentistry; to collaborate with public and private institutions in the development of dentistry for patients with special needs. Our main scientific event is the biannual congress held on odd years so it does not coincide with the IADH Congress.

The new Executive Committee includes 12 members combining the expertise of those who have already held a position within the SEOEME coupled with the enthusiasm of the youngest members. These people are distributed in different areas such as undergraduate an postgraduate education, IADH relations, etc. Among the most immediate projects, we want to promote new membership. Currently, the SEOEME has 163 members and we want to include professionals form other areas of expertise such as dental hygienists, physiotherapists or speech therapists. Also, we are very much interested in young dentists for whom we have a cheaper fee. Our web page is another area we want to improve, as the one we have is not very useful. It needs to become more attractive and easier to use. We want the members to find news and interesting information and, at the same time, they can send ideas, comments or research which can be included. On the other hand, we want the SEOEME to become better known and have a deeper cooperation with the biggest associations in our country for handicapped people such as Down Spain, ONCE and FEAPS. In the dental area, we want to cooperate with other societies sharing our same area of interest such as Oral Medicine, Gerodontology and Pedodontics. Also, it is important to us to become closer to the IADH and the different associations it includes. We are trying to promote the participation of our members in the different congresses (currently, we are focusing on the Berlin Congress).

Last January, I had the opportunity to visit Dublin where I could be part of a very interesting meeting of the Executive Committee of the Irish Society for Disability and Oral Health. We had time to discuss the situation of special care dentistry in both countries to conclude that in some areas, it is very differently approached. In Spain, especially that the undergraduate education in Special Needs Patients is very heterogeneous and the Bologna project has not helped the situation to improve. Special Care Dentistry studies used to have a very different approach at the undergraduate degree in the Spanish universities. Unfortunately, this has not changed after the implementation of the new study plan. Special with disabilities and special needs has only become part of the curriculum in a few Spanish Universities with very different approaches, sometimes related to other areas such as Gerontology. There are only five Spanish Universities which offer postgraduate studies about treating Patients with Special Needs. Theoretical and practical contents vary very much and the courses do not include the same contents, offer very different credits, etc.

In summary, this is the main news from Spain. We will try to be more active from now on and we count on a numerous group of SEOEME being in Berlin.
Report of the 17th Congress of the Italian Society for patients with disabilities (SIOH)

By Annamaria Baietti and Roberto Rozza

On November 2013 Italy organised a successful congress of the Italian society for patients with disabilities (SIOH). It was decided to hold the XVII Italian Congress in Bologna because it is the home of the main Unit for extensive dental and maxillo-facial care for disability in the Department of Maxillo-facial surgery of Italy. The centre is directed by Doctor Anna Maria Baietti in Bellaria Hospital (AUSL of Bologna) who was the chief executive organiser of the conference this year.

The opening program was focused on the main lecture of the iADH President Doctor Dimitris Emmanouil who explored the huge development of dental care for patients with disabilities in a global context. The other lecture was performed by the President of SIOH Doctor Roberto Rozza who talked about the different systems of dental care for disability in Europe.

SIOH under auspices of different Italian societies for dentistry and maxillo-facial surgery achieved excellent level of participation with more of 400 people attending the two days of congress.

A very interesting workshop presented by the medical chief of hospital Doctor Massimo Annicchiarico looked at possibilities for collaboration between the professional societies and the social and services organisations in order to improve the multidisciplinary care for people with disabilities. Doctor Marco Magi, vice president of SIOH discussed importance of oral health in a workshop looking to improve quality of life for people with special needs. Doctor Giuseppe Paruolo and Paola Marani, government representatives of the region Emilia Romagna, attended the entire workshop because of the great interest and input of political programs in this region to develop excellent health assistance in disability.

Many interesting topics were discussed during the two days of the congress including new insights for maxillo-facial surgery, dental implants in high risk patients and disability and treatment under general anaesthesia and conscious sedation, preventive care for children and adults in disability and also a challenging debate about orthodontic treatment in patients with disabilities.

Several of the lectures involved specialists of head and neck area in order to develop a multidisciplinary approach for disability using the latest developments, techniques new bio-materials. A special program for training for dental nurses was carried out by Doctor Marzia Melloni, chief of nurses at Bellaria Hospital.

A special thank must go to SIOH Council who were responsible for the entire organisation of the event and also to Doctor Franco Riboldi, to past general Director, who founded the unit for dental care in disability and created a multidisciplinary program to improve quality of life of people with severe disabilities in Bologna in 2006, and to Doctor Francesco Ripa di Meana, General Director who continues to support the program.

Another special thank to the social organisations who always were involved in the development of the program particularly regarding involvement of the families of patients.
The 1st CISPoD - International Congress on Health of People with Disabilities and Special Groups grew out of a proposal by a Dental Committee who were discussing the dental care of people with disabilities in the Federal District. This group of Dentists proposed the simultaneous merging of two of the biggest events of Dentistry, focused on health disciplines in patients with special needs, the 11th Congress of ABOPE - Brazilian Association of Dentistry for Special Patients and 25th anniversary congress of JOPE in Brasilia. The target audience of the Congress was composed of professionals from the fields of health: Medicine, Dentistry, Nutrition, Pharmacy, Physical and Occupational Therapy, Psychology, Physical Education and Nursing. Importantly the congress also included participation from organisations which assist people with disabilities, their family members and the general public.

The Congress was held at the Convention Center Ulysses Guimarães, in Brasilia, in period of 6 to 8 December 2013. The president of the Confress Fabiana Montandon and the president of ABOPE Dr Joao Santos Junior gave a vision for Special Care Dentistry in Brazil. In the congress Dr Marcello Boccia participated actively and members of the Scientific Committe included Dr. Alexandre Franco Miranda and Dr Diógenes Segutti Ferreira, Dr. Tatiana Oliveira Menezes Kishimoto and others professionals from dentistry and other health disciplines.

There were important sessions with professors from Brazil and foreign guests included Drs Gabriela Scagnet and Leda Mugayar.
Greetings enthusiastic friends in Special Care Dentistry. I am writing to inform you about the majestic Mayan Riviera, in the state of Quintana Roo, Mexico where the 3rd Latin-American Congress from Special Patients Dentistry, was organised by the ALOPE, Mexico (Latin-American Association of Special Patients Dentistry) and coordinated by Dr Juan Pablo Loyola from the Estomatology Faculty of the Autonomous University of San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

With the purpose of creating an interchange and forum for ideas and experiences related to Special Care Dentistry, an enthusiastic group of colleagues from Latin American countries focussed their attention of this group of patients and were reunited from July 2nd to 6th to share their clinical approach and experiences in the area of Special Care Dentistry.

From Argentina, Dr Daniel Adrian Casim talked to us about High Risk Patient Attention and HIV-AIDS treatment protocols, and Dr Gabriela Scagnet show us an approach to the developing of treatment protocols in patients with uncommon diseases; both are teachers in the Faculty of Dentistry on the Buenos Aires University and are very gifted musician and dancer respectively.

From Chile, our colleagues Dr Susanne Kramer, Dr Paola Andrea Poblete, Dr Efrain Rojas en Dr Marcelo Valle, talked about a variety approaches to patients with anxiety and odontophobia, including the use of minimum invasive dentistry in patients with a disability, as well as one novel, original and funny approach in the communication techniques in that facilitate care for persons with a communication disability (autism).

From Venezuela, Dr Maria Sofia Lozada; talked about the modifications in the dental practice for the physically disabled patients paying particular attention on the design of the dental office.

From the host country, Dr Rosa Maria Diaz, Dr Nuria Patiño and Dr Juan Pablo Loyola covered topics such as as the oral health in pregnancy, changes in the periodontal blood flux and their periodontal implications in diabetics and the importance of the clinical research in the area of special needs dentistry.

As an invited European country; Ireland was represented by Dr Alison Dougall and she presented to all us they approach to the attention protocols in medically compromised patients, decision protocols in the develop of treatment plan in special need patients and interesting lecture of the models of education in Special Care Dentistry making reference to the electronic tool (e-learning) and the world of pedagogic possibilities that interest us in the present time; the opportunity to share information and acquire knowledge from any place of the world is truly becoming a possibility.

I will dare to say from the most of the participants in this congress, the ideas interchange and fraternal links will encourage to us to continue doing our work but also to improve it, share it and never lose the passion, love and enthusiasm who characterise at the Latin Americans.

It was simply refreshing to know all of you, and be sure you are an a e-mail, e-chat or an a video-call from distance and together can realise any project as we planned for our patients, students and profession own good. I hope see you all soon in Latin America.

Dr Juan Pablo Loyolla Rodriguez and Dr Gabriela Scagnet co-ordinating, collaborating and planning Mexican Riviera Style.
Cognitive Behavioural Therapy in Greece

During March 2014, the Hellenic Society for Disability and Oral Health hosted a seminar in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) in Athens and hosted a team of social and behavioural scientists from King’s College London Dental Institute who delivered a two-day course designed to teach dental professionals how to manage anxious patients using CBT.

Professor Tim Newton who led the workshop presented a series of practical and useful sessions which included the theory behind CBT and the use of graded exposure combined with cognitive interventions and thought techniques providing an evidence-based way to help patients manage and overcome dental fear in a time-efficient and cost-efficient manner. His team stressed the importance of thorough and structured assessment to screen for suitable patients who might benefit from CBT and provided a clear framework and useful resources for clinicians and patients to work towards therapy plans and thought experiments to challenge and reframe patients beliefs and collaboratively work to change behaviours around those thoughts and beliefs.

30 participants enjoyed the course which was held in the wonderful environment of Club Tatoi in the North of Athens where the beautiful and peaceful environment added significantly to the atmosphere and ambience of the event. The sun shone on Athens for the two days allowing vigorous debate and discussion during the coffee and lunch breaks which took place on comfy sofas and huge communal tables on the beautiful terrace outside.

A diverse range of specialist and Generalist Dentists attended the course and discussed the fact that despite huge advances in pain management, fear of dental treatment is still very common in children through to adults. In addition to the Greek members delegates came to Greece from Europe and the Middle East but all agreed that the personal price of oral neglect due to phobic levels of dental fear can result in a profound impact on health and quality of life related to pain, self-esteem and oral function. Cultural attitudes towards talking therapies were reported as being a possible barrier in Greece and Oman for example, but the team stressed that Cognitive Behavioural Therapy could be successfully delivered by a trained member of the dental team and would surely provide a useful tool to use alongside other interventions.

The the two days were a most enjoyable and worthwhile experience and all participants seemed enthused to take forward what they had learned to their own practices and clinics.
The care of persons with disabilities must take into account the operational difficulties encountered with this type of patient, who, given his condition, is not always willing or able to cooperate and endure the treatments. The work, developed by Eugene Raymond in collaboration with numerous other distinguished authors, browses the various aspects of disability, correlating with the different types of interventions that are typically used in dentistry.

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